

## A DRUNKEN ARMY

The Soldiers and Officers of William L. a Job Lot

### OF DRUNKARDS AND ROYSTERS

If this Officer is to be Believed, and He Seems to Have His Subject Well in Hand—The Natural Outcome of an Imperialistic Republican Military Establishment for the Suppression of Subjects and Provinces.

Our army, under William L. is certainly the last place that a respectable father and mother would want to see their boy a member of, if the facts collected by a gentleman who is described to The Globe as "an officer who has spent nearly the whole of his active life in the military service of the United States," are true.

His service comprises all of the Civil War, the various Indian wars since that period, and he is at present on duty with his regiment in the Philippines. Here is what he is made to say and write, too:

"On this same occasion, an officer of the same command, who prided himself and was highly elated for his polish and accomplishments, being asked to command a body of mounted men made up in the city was so drunk as to act and yell like a madman, and returning from the celebration to the leading hotel, entered it and committed an indecent act in the bar-room. Although his beastly conduct was well known, he was subjected to no punishment, though afterward he was forced out of the service for practicing sodomy with soldiers of his company. But in this case he was allowed to resign, to avoid publicity—again the usual thing.

"An adjutant of the Third Cavalry was drunk and gambling for two successive days and nights, and was too 'sick' in the morning to mount guard, all of which was fully known to his post commander, a colonel.

"A surgeon, a major, at a post was drunk for months in succession, so that during the after part of the each day, as a rule, he could not intelligently perform any duty or understand anything said to him, the lieutenant-colonel, in command, was in a similar condition day after day.

"An inspector-general, then a major in rank, now a general, came to inspect a post, and after a night of drinking and gambling, he was so drunk that he was unable to perform his duty, and when through inspecting spent several days with the post commander sharing his drink.

"A captain ran up a drink bill in an officers' club of over \$170. He died suddenly and the other officers paid his bill to 'save the honor of the army'—that is, to prevent any publicity.

"A lieutenant-colonel of cavalry, in command of a post, visited a soldier in the morning and put in two days and nights drinking and gambling, and his life, wherever he was, was spent chiefly in gambling.

"A captain drank heavily and constantly, was often drunk and unmannered, and squandered his money so as to leave his family in want.

"An adjutant of the Thirteenth Infantry was found by his colonel drunk in his office chair at about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the usual time for transacting post business, and was kindly gotten away and hid in an old barrack, until he sobered up enough at the close of day to be taken to his wife.

"A lieutenant was drunk and pugnacious at a certain post, a large part of the time for months in succession, insanely drunk, one might say, as people were actually afraid he might shoot them or do them violence, and he was put under no constraint.

"A captain was in the habit of getting drunk frequently, and when drunk would get his revolver and shoot it off, frightening his neighbors, and that without being restrained. The same captain, putting in his drunken performances when in command of troops in connection with a railroad strike, was adjudged to be a drunkard, and to let him down easily, kept him in the service and gave his family a livelihood, and was afterward restored to duty. This is not the only case I have known where sympathetic boards have decided that officers were insane because they were drunkards.

"A department commander, a general, had such habits, that the character of his orders, approval or disapproval of officers and measures, depended largely upon how much whiskey he had down.

"A medical director of a department, as a steady drinker, was too drunk to ward the close of each day to be fit for duty.

"An officer who has killed two men in personal encounters, the last a citizen, in a drunken quarrel in a saloon, is re-decorated and pugnacious, under the influence of whiskey as a pretty steady thing, and yet has been given specially responsible commands, demanding more than ordinary levelheadedness.

"A lieutenant from an excellent family, and of the finest natural qualities, came into the army with sober habits. He was led to drink by his regimental commander and others. He soon became a perfect slave to drink, so that when a surgeon said to him, 'You must quit or it will kill you,' he made answer, 'It's too late, I shall drink on till I die.' When drunk he insulted some ladies and then, in utter disgust with himself, committed suicide.

"A major, while acting as agent in charge of a large body of uncivilized Indians, was drunk a large part of the time.

"A lieutenant began drinking. He knew how to drink like a gentleman, and could govern himself, but in a few years he had progressed so as to be almost constantly mean and abusive to his men.

"A lieutenant squandered his money in drink and gambling, and dying left his wife nothing but debts.

"A post commander, a lieutenant-colonel, was drunk on whiskey nearly every day of his life, and when drunk was ready to pick a quarrel with anyone.

"Two other post commanders, one a major, the other a lieutenant-colonel, drank heavily and their moods and treatment of subordinates, often unreasonable and mean, depended upon the extent to which they were 'under the influence.'

"A captain who boozed freely, and when drunk always felt rich and happy, would show his good feeling by treating his own soldiers as well as others, whenever he happened to meet them.

"Two captains, not old men, are bro-

ken down, and practically at the end of their careers, through drink.

"A lieutenant who was often drunk, was always in a fighting mood, and has been in several drunken fights.

"A major-surgeon who was frequently drunk, would make himself at such times distressingly ridiculous by his madcap, silly talk, as a pretty steady thing, would put in his nights in his own quarters in drunken carousals, the peculiar feature of which was that civilians of like tastes were invited to share them.

"A lieutenant, a hard drinker, often visited a wife house in the neighborhood. His favorite was the mistress or proprietress. On one occasion, when drunk, he married this woman. This excited a great social commotion in his regiment, but did not injure him as to pay, rank or promotion.

"A lieutenant married at an army post, was so drunk that he had to be held up by brother officers during the ceremony.

"But enough in this line. Many officers have been taught to drink and gamble in the club-room, and many officers have taken the Keeley cure as well as hundreds of soldiers. I might give additional facts of the same character, concerning officers personally known to me, as are all the foregoing, and I might give names and details were it necessary and best, as if course, it is not. I have given these unwillingly and with regret, and only because such an actual statement of facts seems to be required.

## SKY PHLOTS.

Not the Modern Preacher, but the Ancient Astrologer.

### EARLY CHINESE ASTROLOGERS

And Their Tragic Fate For Not Predicting An Eclipse—An Instructive Chapter on the Ancient Astrologers, Their Rites, etc. Greenwich Observatory and the Cost of Each Observation of the Moon.

Students of the ancient science of astrology, if any still exist of a more intelligent class than that which sometimes appears in the police courts for having abused the credulity of servant girls and country bumpkins, will be pleased to see that they can still count an emperor among the true believers. Reuter tells us that the emperor of China has ordered his official astrologers to search for a propitious day for the return of the court to Peking. No doubt it is possible that even in China no very great importance is attached to this proceeding. We have plenty of "survivals" ourselves in our court ceremonies, as well as in the out of our dress clothes. Perhaps the Chinese recourse to astrology may also be only a ceremonial "survival," or a convenient excuse for putting off that famous return a little longer. But it is none the less interesting to remember that the first definite mention of astronomy in the world can be traced back to the predecessors of the Chinese astrologers who are now called to requisition.

We read that Hi and Ho were the royal astronomers, or astrologers—in those days the terms were synonymous—of a very early Chinese emperor. It was their duty to study the heavenly movements with care and give timely warning of any unusual arrangement of the planets, which might, if it arrived unexpectedly, perplex the throne with fear of change and expose the land to the anger of the gods. Unfortunately Hi and Ho were not so attentive to business as they were accustomed to find modern official astronomers, or astrologers. The royal observatory, he would say, was founded for observations of the moon. We get about 300 observations of the moon during the year in all, and the observatory costs the nation 16,000 a year. Hence each observation of the moon is worth \$20, and losing one last night you have cost the nation \$20. Hi and Ho were not kept up to their work by any such reflections. They gave themselves up to riotous living, and so failed to predict an eclipse of the sun.

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## ROSALIE GOULDING

At the Pan-American Buffalo Exposition for The Globe.

### INTERESTING BUDGET OF NEWS

The Beauty and Artistic Triumph of the Buildings and Grounds—The Landscape and Horticultural Departments Satisfactory. Women's Work at the Big Show—The Visitors From the South.

By ROSALIE GOULDING.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 10, 1901.

In both the Landscape and Horticultural Departments, as well as many other features, the Pan-American Exposition is in a very satisfactory state of completion. The shrubs set out last fall have withstood the severe winter, and wherever grass seed was sown this is also in good condition. In spite of the recent unprecedented cold weather, sleet and rain, during the past few days the flower beds and grass, as well as the rarer plants have budded and blossomed out as if by magic and in grateful recognition of the memorable first warm ray of sunshine last Thursday. There are 175 beds of horticultural plants, and a great many of them are in a very satisfactory state of completion. The shrubs set out last fall have withstood the severe winter, and wherever grass seed was sown this is also in good condition. 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